



**Programme**

**“Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through investment in Youth”**

**29th Pre-Summit Consultative Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in the African Union**

**22-23 January, 2017 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

<b>SUNDAY, January 22,2016</b>		<b>Location: UNECA</b>
<b>07:00 -09:00</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>	
<b>09.00 -09:40</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <i>The Future we want for Africa</i> <i>Celebration of the endowment of the continent with youth who present countless opportunities of accelerated economic growth for the continent</i>	
		Spoken Word by young women
		<b>Mme. Bineta Diop</b> President, Femmes Africa Solidarité /African Union Special Envoy Women Peace and Security
		<b>Edem Doreen Asimadu</b> Development Economist, Youth and Woman’s Rights Advocate, Moremi Initiative for Women's Leadership in Africa (Ghana)
		<b>Mr. Abdalla Hamdok</b> Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
		<b>Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma</b> Chairperson African Union Commission /Champion of GIMAC
	<i>Moderator</i>	Kgothatso Mokoena – Young Woman from YWCA of South Africa
<b>09:40 - 10:20</b>	<b>Group Photo</b>	
	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10:20 -11:40</b>	<b>Introduction of Agenda, Regions Represented and Expected Results</b>	
	10 minutes	<b>Introduction of Agenda</b> Gladys Yegon, World YWCA (Kenya)
	15 minutes	<b>Analysis of Demographic Dividend</b> Mr Sameul Kissi, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, UNFPA Liason Office to the AUC and ECA
	20 minutes	<b>AU Gender strategy</b>



		Mrs. Mahawa Kaba Wheeler, Director of Women, Gender & Development , Africa Union Commission
		<b>Moderator - Relevance of the Gender Strategy</b> Thelma Awori, Founder Institute for Social Transformation (Uganda)
<b>11.40-12.30</b>	<b>SESSION 1:</b> <b>Technology: Accelerated Access to Education and Skills Development</b> <i>Role of Technology in ensuring access</i>	
		<b>Strengthening Gender Equality in the continental education strategy for Africa using technology</b> Annete Mainalla (Malawi) & Hawa Semega (Senegal), FAWE Youth Delegates
		<b>The role of technology in expanding and improving educational opportunities available to young people in developing countries</b> Catherine Nyambala (Kenya), Founder STEMAfrica
		<b>Gender sensitive content and training, literacy support and skills development</b> Fall Venn, Administrator of PAC, Femme Africa Solidarite
		<b>Promoting access to education and skills for youth living with disabilities at national, regional and global levels</b> Brook Yeshitila, The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN), Ethiopia
	<i>Moderator</i>	Shuvai Busuman Nyoni, Director – African Leadership Centre
<b>12.30 – 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH sponsored by OHCHR</b>	
<b>14:00- 15:00</b>	<b>SESSION 2:</b> <b>Translating solemn declarations into actual change for African women – Case study:</b> <i>Commitments to end child marriage in Africa</i>	
		<b>Progress of the AU Campaign to End Child Marriage:</b> <b>Reflecting on Country Initiatives to End Child Marriages</b> Amb. Dr. Olawale I. Maiyegun, AU department of social affairs
		<b>The role of youth in ensuring accountability towards solemn declarations</b> Catherine Nyambura, FEMNET



		<p><b>Impact of Child Marriages on the Mental Health of Married Mothers and on Child Development:</b> Ruwadzano Muzvondiwa; Communications and Partnership Officer Rozaria Memorial Trust (Zimbabwe)</p>
		<p><b>Role of Media and Artists in Ending Child Marriages:</b> Ibrahim Ceesay, Executive Director, African Artists Peace Initiative (AAPI) (the Gambia)</p>
	<i>Moderator</i>	<p><b>Françoise Kpeglo Moudouthe</b>, Head of Africa Engagement Girls Not Brides ( Cameroon )</p>
<b>15:00- 15.30</b>	Tea and Coffee Break	
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>SESSION 3: Creating access to economic empowerment in response to the youth demographic shifts</b></p>	
		<p><b>Creating access to economic opportunities for youth</b> Unami Moatswi, First Chair, Young Women Stepping Up (Botswana)</p>
		<p><b>Enhancing Young Women’s Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship and Business Leadership</b> Ms Esther Adelusi, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, African Leadership Forum (Nigeria)</p>
		<p><b>Realizing the demographic dividend: Empower, educate, and employ youth - A case for vocational training</b> Khady Fall TALL, Chairperson, West African Women Association</p>
		<p><b>The role of mentoring in economic empowerment of women: Realities and challenges for the future:</b> Dr. Amany Asfour, President Egyptian Women Association (Egypt)</p>
	<i>Moderator</i>	<p>Mrs Izeduwa Derex-briggs UNWomen Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa</p>
<i>End of Day 1</i>		

**Day 2: MONDAY, January 23, 2016**



<b>Location: UNECA</b>		
<b>08:00 -08:45</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>	
<b>09:00 - 09:10</b>	<b>Recap of Day 1</b>	<b>Reflections from Day 1</b> Letty Chiwara, UNWomen Representative to Ethiopia, AU and UNECA  <b>Introduction to day 2 Sessions</b>
<b>09.10 -10:10</b>	<b>SESSION 4: The Agency of Youth towards Sustainable Peace</b>	
		<b>The role of youth in peacebuilding: Their shared reality, challenges and opportunities</b> Sandra Tumwesigye, ISIS WICCE (Uganda)
		<b>Responding to sexual and gender-based violence in crises and conflict</b> Dr. Jean-Bosco Butera, Chief of Staff, Office of Special Envoy for Peace and Security
		<b>Sexual and Reproductive Health in fragile contexts: Turning challenges into opportunities</b> Fatima Asika, Young woman (Nigeria)
		<b>Integrating psychosocial support as a multisector response in conflict -</b> Cathrine Maborori, Pour le Movement des Femmes et Filles pour la Paix et la Securite au Burundi
	<i>Moderator</i>	Nyaradzayi Gumbodzvanda ( Zimbabwe)  Chief Executive Rozaria Memorial Trust/African Union Goodwill Ambassador for Ending Child Marriage
<b>10:10- 10:40</b>	<b>Review of the Solemn Declaration Index : Youth Agenda</b>	
	Dr. Olumide Ajayi , Executive Director African Leadership Forum ( Nigeria)	
	<i>Moderator:</i> Mme Thokozile Ruzvidzo, Director African Center for Gender United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, UNECA	
<b>10:40– 11:10</b>	Tea and Coffee Break	
<b>11:10 -12:40</b>	<b>SESSION 5: Sexual Health Reproductive Services contributing to the Demographic Dividend</b>	
		<b>Navigating living with HIV: The lived reality of youth living with HIV</b> Lucrece Falolou, Young Woman, Benin
		<b>Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs of young people: Access to services</b> Zoneziwoh Mbondunglo, IPAS Africa Alliance
		<b>Safeguarding the Sexual Health Reproductive Rights</b>



		Hon. Commissioner Lucy Asuagbor, Special Rapporteur of Women Rights - African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (Cameroon)
		<b>Continental Statistics on HIV/AIDS</b> Rosemary Museminali UNAIDS representative to the AU and UNECA (Rwanda)
	<i>Moderator</i>	Hannah Forster, Executive Director The African Centre for Human Rights Studies (The Gambia)
<b>12.40-14.00</b>	<b>LUNCH sponsored by UNAIDS:</b> Continental Gender Awards Ceremony convened by Assetou Kouti, PAWO the first women's rights organisation in Africa	
<b>14:00- 15:00</b>	<b>SESSION 6: Intersectionality of Climate Change, Gender and Livelihoods on the realization of Women's Rights.</b>	
		<b>Shared reality of rural women</b> Kilimanjaro Initiative
		<b>Access to land: Youth and women participation in agriculture –</b> Kafui A. Kuwonu, WiDAF
		<b>Climate Change: COP22 commitments</b> Ms. Nkiru Nnaemego, Deputy Executive Director, African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC)
		<b>Gender and intersecting inequalities in climate change</b> Ms Odette Kabaya, UNDP
	<i>Moderator</i>	Constance Okeke, International Project Manager, Public Finance for Agriculture, ActionAid International
<b>15:00- 15.30</b>	Tea and Coffee Break	
<b>15:30– 16:15</b>	<b>SESSION 7: A Gender Inclusive, Youth Development and Empowerment Action Plan</b>	
		AU Youth Consultation Statement
		Presentation of Draft Outcome document: GIMAC Drafting team
		<b>Linking national and regional advocacy action plans to global platforms</b> Malayah Harper, General Secretary, World YWCA
	<i>Moderator</i>	Soyata Maiga, Commissioner, African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights
<b>16:15– 17:30</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony; A conversation with Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma</b>	
		<b>Young Women's creative presentation</b>



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<b><i>End of Day 2</i></b> <b>#YOUTHCONNECT: <i>CREATING THE AFRICA I WANT</i></b> <b>RECEPTION AT RADISSON BLUE HOTEL</b>	